

and are at the moment a greater menace to orderly freedom. Eobespierre and Danton and Marat and Hubert were just as evil as the worst tyrants of the old regime, and from 1791 to 1794 they were the most dangerous enemies to liberty that the world contained. When you, as representing President Wilson, find yourself obliged to champion men of this stamp you ought by unequivocal affirmative action to make it evident that you are sternly against their general and habitual line of conduct.

"I have just received your report on the Bisbee deportation. One of the prominent leaders in that deportation was my old friend, Jack Greenway, who has just been commissioned a Major in the Army by President Wilson. Your report is as thoroughly misleading a document as could be written on the subject. No official, writing on behalf of the President, is to be excused for failure to know, and clearly to set forth, that the I. W. W. is a criminal organization.

To ignore the fact that a movement such as its members made into Bisbee is made with criminal intent is precisely as foolish as for a New York policeman to ignore the fact that when, the Whyo gang assembles with guns and knives it is with criminal intent. The President is not to be excused if he ignores this fact, for of course he knows all about it. No human being in his senses doubts that the men deported from Bisbee were bent on destruction and murder. If the President, through you or any one else, had any right to look into the matter, this very

fact shows that
he had been remiss in his clear duty to provide
against the
very grave danger in advance. When no
efficient means are
employed to guard honest, upright and well
behaved citi-
zens from the most brutal kind of lawlessness,
it is inevit-
able that these citizens shall try to protect
themselves; that
is as true when the President fails to do his
duty about the
I. W. W. as when the police fail to do their
duty about
gangs like the Whyo gang; and when either
the President
or the police, personally or by representative,
rebuke the
men who defend themselves from criminal
assault, it is
necessary sharply to point out that far
heavier blame